

[No. 1517.—APRIL 15, 1868.

INSURANCES.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
CAPITAL \$2,000,000, IN 2,000 SHARES OF \$1,000 EACH.
\$100 per Share to be paid on Allotment, and \$100 six months after Allotment.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the following Resolutions passed at a Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company held on the 8th instant, applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, will be received by the General Managers, the form of application to be as follows:

To the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,
GENTLEMEN,

I request you to allot me Shares of One Thousand Dollars each in the above named Company, and I agree to accept such Shares, or any less number which may be allotted to me, and to pay a Call of One Hundred Dollars per Share on Allotment, and a further Call of One Hundred Dollars per Share, six months after allotment, and I further undertake to subscribe to the Deed of Settlement when called on to do so.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.
No. 1.

That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby authorized to adopt measures for the reconstruction of the Company as the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, on the basis proposed in the Memorandum of the 2nd April presented to this Meeting.

No. 2.

That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby requested to receive applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, and on the receipt of such applications to the extent of One Thousand Shares, to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company for the purpose of authorizing its dissolution and the transfer of its assets and liabilities to the new Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

N.B.—Forms of application for Shares may be had at the Office of the Company, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, April 9, 1868.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz—

Not exceeding 1/4 of the Annual Rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, 1/2 " " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

ALLIANCE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz—

Not exceeding 1/4 of the Annual Rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, 1/2 " " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents, Allianc Fire Assurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,223,027.

ANNUAL REVENUE £407,263.

THE Undersigned Agents, Hongkong, for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

NOTICE.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged in Short Period Insurance, viz—

Not exceeding one month, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 " " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, the full Annual rate.

GILMAN & CO.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Other Dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.

GILMAN & CO.

Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
Hongkong, March 9, 1868.

INSURANCES.

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THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton, or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

NOTICE.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz—

Not exceeding 1 month, 1 per cent.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/2 " " "
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances:

One month, 1 per cent.
Three months, 1/2 " " "
Six months, 1/4 " " "
HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Hongkong, February 1, 1868.

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NOTICE.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
THE

For Sale.
EX MAIL STEAMER.
LYON SAUSAGES in best condition.
CHEESE and HAMS.
Assorted French CONFECTIONERY.
Mango RASINS in bottles and tins.
ALMONDS in shells.
Pealed ALMONDS in tins.
Elmene FIGS in tins.
PRUNES in bottles.
Smoked Pomeranian GOOSEBREASTS,
at LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

TATHAM'S BRANDY in 1 doz. cases.
SHERRY, 3
" PORT, 2
" CLARET, 1
" BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, April 9, 1867.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.
HARMONIUMS and other Musical
INSTRUMENTS.
Christy Minstrel's SONGS. Pianoforte
OPERAS.
VIOLIN and other STRINGS, &c., &c.
INSTRUMENTS tuned and repaired.
C. WAGNER,
28, Holtham Road.
Hongkong, August 2, 1867. 24ap.

SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!
SELLING OFF!!

GREAT SACRIFICES!!!

SPLENDID BARGAINS!!!
MULLER & CLAUSSEN
BEG to announce that they are Selling
Off their stocks of the undermentioned
GOODS at Invoiced prices, consisting of—
Black Cloth DRESS FROCK and Walking
COATS.
Melton and Angora Walking,
and SAC COATS.
Melton and Wines YACHT JACKETS
and OVER COATS.
Alpaca and Merino COATS.
Black Dress TROUSERS.
Fancy Buckskin, Angora and Tweed
TROUSERS.
Alpaca and Merino TROUSERS.
White and Colored Linen TROUSERS.
Black Dress VESTS.
Buckskin and Angora VESTS.
Merino and Alpaca VESTS.
White Marcella and Linen VESTS.
Colored Linen VESTS.

A large lot of PIECE GOODS, comprising—
Black and Blue Broad CLOTHES and
DOESKINS.
MELTONS, BUCKSKINS, ANGOLAS,
TWEEDS and FLANNELS, of
this Season's Patterns.
Also a new assortment of HOSIERY
and SHIRTS of—
LONG CLOTH, with Linen FRONTS, &c.
Silk and Wool SHIRTS.
Merino, Cotton, Lambswool and Flannel
DRAWERS and UNDER VESTS.
Merino, Cotton and Lambswool
HALF HOSE.
LADIES' COTTON HOSE.
Dent's Kid and Driving GLOVES.
COLLARS, SCARFS, TIES, Cholera
BELTS and Cambric HANDKERCHIEFS.
Christy's Silk, Shell and Felt HATS,
in the newest Shapes.
Dawson's BOOTS and SHOES.
UMBRELLAS, Walking STICKS, Cloth
and Hair BRUSHES.
PERFUMERY, Fancy SOAPS.
And a great variety of other GOODS.

MULLER & CLAUSSEN,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, February 5, 1868.

FOR SALE.
A SMALL Lot of Superior OLD PORT
WINE, Th. Co. Sandeman, Oporto.
Fine Dry MADEIRA.
Fine CHAMPAGNE COGNAC.
Various Superior Hungarian WINES.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, August 6, 1867.

FOR SALE.
JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,
MUMM & Co.'s HOCK & MOSELLE,
qts. and pts.
Chillingworth's SHERRY and PORT,
CHAMBERTIN, WHISKY,
WHITE & PRICE'S BRANDY.
ALLSOPP'S ALE, draught and bottle.
BARCLAY & GUINNESS' STOUT.
BRIDGES & SONS' PORTER.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, November 20, 1867.

FOR SALE.
CHAMPAGNE, Adolphe Collins and
L. Jauvray & Co.'s Association Vins
de France.
CLARET, real Chateau Margaux.
Haut Bages.
L. Espanne Durac.
BRANDY, Hennessy's and Martel's in
1 dozen cases.
BEER and PORTER in bottle.
BUTTER (Platte) in kegs.
A quantity of Iron COLUMNS, Yellow
METAL, 20/28 oz. with NAILS.
Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, December 11, 1867.

CASTOR OIL, in cases of twenty Gallons
each, or in quantities to suit Purcha-
sers.
To be had at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, December 10, 1867.

FOR SALE.
Ex Sir Launcelot, Fiery Cross, and other
Arrivals.

BASS'S PALE ALE in quarts and pints.
London Brown STOUT, in do.
Guinness' STOUT, in do.
Hennessy's and Martel's BRANDY.
English OLD TOM GIN.
Hubbuck's PAINTS.
Do. boiled and raw LINSEED OIL.
At LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1868.

EX "CARMARTHENSHIRE" AND
BASS BEER in Pints and Quarts.
EDMUND R. HOLMES,
Star Hotel.
Hongkong, February 13, 1868.

FOR SALE.
MUNIZ'S Patent Yellow METAL
SHEATHING, from 20 to 24 oz.,
Composition NAILS, Brown Sheathing
FELT.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

For Sale.

PER MAIL STEAMER.
Suitable for Christmas Presents.
SPLENDID ASSORTMENT of
Meerschaum PIPES, with and
without Cherrywood Stems.
Cigar HOLDERS.

ALBUMS.
Real Havana CIGARS.
etc., etc., etc.
BIEFIELD and ZACHARIAE,
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

THE New Patent Silicated Carbon FIL-
TER, small enough to be carried in
the Pocket. No traveller in the East should
be without one.

To be had at THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

FOR SALE.
PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, com-
plete. MULLER & CLAUSSEN.
Hongkong, January 13, 1868.

PIG WASH FOR SALE.
THE Manager of the Hongkong Hotel
is prepared to receive Tenders for the
Wash of the Kitchen for a period of three
months, from whom every information can
be received.

CHAS. S. DUGGAN,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 9, 1868. 16ap.

FOR SALE.
It Lots to suit Purchasers.
RED Copper SHEATHING and NAILS.
Composition NAILS.

CHAMPAGNE.
STILL HOCK.
PORT WINE.
COGNAC.

BURGUNDY.
India PALE ALE.
Best STOUT.

Apply to CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, March 19, 1868.

FOR SALE.
HENNESSY'S BRANDY, in 1 dozen
cases.

MARTELL'S BRANDY, in 1 dozen cases,
Duff & Gordon's Pale SHERRY, in 1
dozen cases.

BASS'S OLD PORT, in 1 dozen cases.
Bass's Pale ALE, in quarts. Bottled by
Cameron and Saunders.

A few cases of really Superior Dinner
SHERRY, shipped by F. W. COSINS
& Co., &c., &c., &c., RAY & Co.
Hongkong, April 13, 1868. 8uy

NOTICE.
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SALE.
THE Hulk CELESTIAL, as she now lies
at Aberdeen, in good order, well
found, and suitable for a floating store or
residence.

For particulars, apply to J. S. LAPRAIK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 16, 1868. tf

FOR SALE.
A FEW Silicated Carbon FILTERS of
various Sizes and Patterns.
Hip Shower BATHS.

RAY & Co.
Hongkong, April 13, 1868.

FOR SALE.
HENDRIE, PLESS & LUBIN's Fine As-
sortment of PERFUMES.

Dawson & Sons' BOOTS.
For Sale, at greatly Reduced Prices, by
JULES EUZIERE,
Hair Dressing Room, Up-stairs.
Hongkong, December 4, 1867.

FOR SALE.
MUNIZ'S YELLOW METAL, 20/28 oz, and
NAILS.

Apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, June 14, 1867.

FOR SALE.
Just Arrived.
BROADWOOD'S Grand PIANOS, may
be had at Wholesale Price.

Address "A," Office of this paper.
Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

FOR SALE.
150 GASES Martinez' Aromatic BIT-
TERs, superior quality.

100 cases SHERRY.
100 " PORT.
MULLER & CLAUSSEN.
Hongkong, January 13, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Ex late Arrivals.
PRIME California CHEESE.
Do. Gruyere Do.
Do. California BUTTER.
100 barrels PRIME HAMBURG MESS PORK.
PRIME Westphalia HAMS, at
LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHINSE,
in 2 Volumes, by Revd. J. Doolittle,
For Sale at Messrs LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai.
Price, \$5.00.
Hongkong, March 20, 1868. 20ap.

FOR SALE.
20,000 CUBIC FEET MANILA
TIMBER, to arrive per
French Barque "MARIA MORTON."

Apply to REYNVANNA BROTHERS & Co.
Hongkong, February 20, 1868.

CHAMPAGNE.
ROEDERER, CARTE NOIRE.

The only Champagne awarded the
Medal of the First Class at the Paris Exhi-
bition, 1867.

Apply to SANDER & Co.
Hongkong, February 27, 1868.

STEAM COALS.
For Sale from Store, or deliverable on Board.

ENGLISH—Londonberry West Hartley,
West Hartley.

WELSH—Blengware Marthyr.
Apply to ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, March 16, 1868.

FOR SALE.
MUNIZ'S Patent Yellow METAL
SHEATHING, from 20 to 24 oz.,
Composition NAILS, Brown Sheathing
FELT.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

ACCORDING to instructions received
from my principals Messrs FAZUL
MOHAMMED ESSA & Co. of Bombay, I have
retired from the management of their Busi-
ness in China, and made over the same to
"NOOR MOHAMMED KHANSAH," from and
after the 1st instant, who having full power
from Bombay will act accordingly.

ABDULLA DEURAJ.

Hongkong, April 8, 1868. 24ap.

NOTICE.

WE have established a branch of our
business in China and Mr. ABDULLA
DEURAJ is empowered to sign our Firm.

HAASS GOOLAMHOOSAIN & Co.

Hongkong, April 8, 1868. 24ap.

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this Port
as a General Storekeeper and Com-
mission Agent.

JAMES EDWARDS.

89, Yokohama, March 19, 1868.

NOTICE.

M. R. WALTER LAIDLAW is authorized
to sign our Firm for prosecution
until further notice.

H. D. BROWN & Co.

Amoy, April 3, 1868. 7uy

NOTICE.

M. R. WALTER LAIDLAW is authorized
to sign our Firm from this date.

DREYER & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

M. R. THOMAS PYKE has this day been
admitted a Partner in our Firm.

BIRLEY & Co.

Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A.

FERGUSON in our Firm ceased on
the 1st day of November, 1866.

A. FERGUSON & Co.

Hongkong, April 1, 1868. 16ap.

NOTICE.

M. R. JAMES BILLINGTON COUGHTON is
authorized to sign our Firm for prosecu-
tion from this date.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, April 1, 1868. 1my

NOTICE.

M. R. JAMES BILLINGTON COUGHTON is
authorized to sign our Firm for prosecu-
tion from this date.

DEACON & Co.

Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

M. R. JOHN HOW CHEVERTON is au-
thorized to sign our Firm for prosecu-
tion from this date.

ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.

Hongkong, February 21, 1868.

NOTICE.

M. R. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to
sign our Firm for prosecution from this date.

DEACON & Co.

Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

M. R. J. MURRAY FORBES is autho-
rized to sign our name at Canton from
this date.

DEACON & Co.

Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

M. R. RYULE HOLME has been admitted
a partner in our Firm.

GLOVER & Co.

Nagasaki, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

Advertisments.

CHANCE SOCIETY

CANTON.

ATMORE will assume

Secretary to the UNION

OF CANTON, on the 1st

of April.

Directors.

C. D. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

26, 1868.

NOTIFICATIONS.

ANG & C'UTTA:

"LINE," on Wednesday

instant, at Noon.

SCHOOL:

" at 9 A.M. To-morrow,

THURSDAY, THE 16th INST.

Single Copies may be had at Messrs.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S, and Mr. J. B.

MONK, news-agent, (Messrs Bowra & Co.)

—Price 50 cents.

TO OUR RESPONDENTS.

Our columns are open to all who wish to address the public on legitimate grounds, but we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

All communications addressed to this paper must be accompanied by the name of the sender, not necessarily for publication, but in a guarantee of good faith.

NOTICE.—It is particularly requested that all communications relating to the general business of this paper be addressed to the Proprietor and in no case to individuals by name. Much delay and inconvenience is incurred by the unenviable reputation or slippiness which he now enjoys, just as did his predecessor.

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OR

THE CHINA PUNCH,

WILL BE PUBLISHED TO-MORROW,

THURSDAY, THE 16th INST.

Single Copies may be had at Messrs.

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MONK, news-agent, (Messrs Bowra & Co.)

—Price 50 cents.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1868.

CHINESE WEAKNESS.

A RECENT number of the *London & China Herald* draws attention to the apathy which exists among English journalists regarding affairs in China and warns the "Hongkong Association" that

it can expect no assistance or support from leading home papers in any efforts which may be made to obtain attention

for local or Imperial grievances in this corner of the world. The statement is

unfortunately but too true, and nothing but the establishment of a powerful and

well-organized "China Association" at

home will succeed in drawing public attention to matters complained of. Meantime it becomes only still more the duty of journalists in China to devote their energies to discussing questions of public importance. The widow succeeded with

the unjust judge by dint of persistent re-

petition in her complaint, and a similar result may follow the endeavours of our- selves and our contemporaries to influence

parliamentary interest at home. Efforts

in that direction must at least be con-

tinued if success is ever to be hoped for.

We have, on several occasions, while

discussing political affairs in China, inci-

dentially alluded to one great defect in

all schemes having for their object the

extension of British relations with that

Empire. We now propose to deal with

the subject to which we allude, irrespec-

tive of particular demands for redress.

We accept for the purpose of our argu-

ment the *dictum* put forth, as regards all

complaints alluded to in the recent me-

moirs from Hongkong and the open-

ports—that the disabilities under which

foreigners labor, represent so many in-

fringements of Treaty agreement or

British "rights." The defect in nearly

every document emanating from the

commercial community is that it fails to

draw attention to the absolute necessity

of enabling the Chinese to carry out the

policy we require from them. Any re-

commendations regarding Chinese policy

in important matters must start with the

assumption that the Government of the

Empire is, in most cases, physically in-

capable, however willing, of carrying out

liberal and progressive views. There is

no need to refer to well-known events by

way of proving our proposition. All who

have any knowledge of the real character

of the Prince Regent and his advisers

will admit the truth of our remarks.

Much as is deservedly said and written

against the Chinese Government, applies

but in part to the individuals composing

it. The rotten system of officialism which

possesses but one single claim to admira-

tion—that of antiquity—is indeed all that

its worst enemies declare. That enlightened individuals are to be found amongst

those who possess the chief but precarious

power is nevertheless true. But they are

powerless to act for good against bigoted

and powerful subordinates, a superstitious

but dangerously numerous peasant

of alien race and surrounded by

soldiery to whom, though of common

nationality, their downfall would be but

another turn of the wheel which might

lead on to fortune.

It may be urged that the commercial

communities of China have nothing to do

with indicating the *means* by which the

policy they advocate should be carried out. But they do in many cases dis-

tinctly advocate the employment of force

or coercion if the Chinese prove recalcitrant as regards the just provisions of

the Treaty. As they thus transgress

the line which many would lay down as

bounding their representations, they

should indicate the necessity which exists

of force being sometimes employed in

favor of the Chinese authorities, as well

as against them. There are cases in

which the officials, say, and say most

truly, "We are individually willing to

grant your demands, but, as you will ad-

mit, the obvious consequence of the de-

sired measure will be a revolt in such

and such a district. Promise that if we

find ourselves too weak you will give us

material aid, and we will at once do as

you request." But British policy has

been hitherto of the half-and-half system,

and any such promise has, since Gordon's

time, been carefully avoided. The British

representative, admitting the real

force of the argument, has abstained from pressing demands which would assuredly have been enforced against any power with the capability of keeping its own subjects in order and is consequently nicknamed a "mandarin worshiper." We are no supporters of Sir R. Alcock's general policy. He has in many cases failed to exert legitimate influence. But it is undoubtedly that the stringent directions from the Foreign Office to avoid any pledge of a resort to force, for or against the Chinese, have mainly contributed to the unenviable reputation or slippiness which he now enjoys, just as did his predecessor.

The moral of all this is obvious enough.

Either we must make up our minds to

exact from the "Central Government" only just what it has the power of en-

forcing from its own subjects, and so

await with patience the gradual progress

of our relations with the Empire; or we

must take from it the excuse, sometimes

false but frequently true, that it cannot

sheer weakness ensure the observance

of its agreements by its own subjects,

by constituting it a sort of protected

power. At least let the merchants of

China understand and discuss this view

of the case, if they have any intention of

bringing their influence to bear on our

future policy.

LOCAL.

We observe that a late American paper

states that the *Great Republic* was to be

detained five days beyond her advertised

date of sailing from San Francisco, and

that a supplementary mail was to be made

up in consequence. This will account

for her delay, and for the receipt of duplicate

letters to the expected date of the

P. & O. steamer. But the carelessness of

the company in making no communication

to the agents here of the intended deten-

tion justified the comments which have

already appeared. The *Great Republic* is

due to sail on the 18th instant.

An American named Gordon was charged

with having been drunk; and then fined in

the sum of \$1; which sum he could not

raise, and he had to go to Gaol on conse-

quence. Gordon appears to have a nasty

habit of getting drunk, for he was dis- charged from Gaol only on Monday last

after which, as he states, he went to the

American Consul, who refused to do any- thing for him, because he had come to

Hongkong in an English ship; while, on

the other hand, the Harbor Master refused

to ship the poor fellow on the ground that

he is an American. Gordon would seem

to have gone to the hotel over his double

disappointment; and between two stools,

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BABY-FARMING v. CHILD MURDER.
(*Full Mail Gazette*, Feb. 21.)

The *British Medical Journal* of this week continues the publication of notes of the results of visits to some of the more prominent and frequent advertisers, who have for so long been allowed in various papers to offer retirement for ladies; and who intimate that medical attendance will be furnished, that the rooms contain a piano, that baby may be left, and generally, that everything may be made pleasant. The inquiries thus pursued have, it appears, been limited to following up the clues thus offered in the broad daylight, and ascertaining, through the medium of personal investigation, what sort of people these are who, obtrude their services upon women of all classes, and what the system means.

There is a stage preliminary to baby-farming, and the painful and astonishing revelations which have been thus simply obtained show, that in many parts of London a considerable number of persons are engaged in a criminal traffic, which they are far from taking pains to conceal, for they flourish under the eyes of the public and the guardians of the law, and avow its details with so audacity which can only be explained by long immunity from punishment.

We cannot here give the details which in a medical paper, addressed to a professional audience, can and must be frankly stated. But much of the social value of this inquiry will be lost, unless it be brought prominently under the notice of our legislators, and unless a strong and healthy public opinion be allowed to put such pressure upon those who make and those who carry out the laws as shall lead to the suppression of the open and daring violation of order and morality. It will be proper to ascertain whether fresh legislation is needed, or whether a more stringent police regulation will suffice.

Of the advertisers, whose applications were investigated, a considerable majority were either in the constant practice of crime or were more or less ready to undertake it.

A few transcripts from the notes given in the *British Medical Journal* must suffice. No. 1 had been "engaged in the business for twelve years." If the lady was far advanced, the child could be adopted for a good sum, if not far advanced, "the affair could be managed for a much larger sum, than the confinement would cost." Her place was generally full. A neighbour states that it is not uncommon for a lady to be taken to the house of this person in her carriage, the doctor to be fetched, and after a short interval the same lady to be carried out to her carriage.

No. 2 was "no doubt one of the most respectable of these places." This woman stated that her principal business, however, was "neck confinements." "The person she went to two days ago took one child thirteen months ago; but that was a girl, and now she wanted a boy as well, so she took her one." The details of her mode of procedure are extremely ingenious; but it is certainly not a comforting reflection to heirs apparent and presumptive that this "buxom, energetic, smart woman" of forty-two is driving successfully this very peculiar trade. Her statements may afford a useful memorandum for our hereditary legislators.

No. 3 was the worst specimen of her class. She would undertake anything. No questions asked. The lady's face might be veiled. Seventy guineas down was her fee. The record of her villainies reads like the worst pages of a sensation novel.

The second batch of cases recorded includes those who rather avoid criminal proceedings, but do not refuse them. One is of the lower class. She "accommodates young persons who are not well off" by a top bedroom at 5s. a week." Another, apparently a chemist, with more definite knowledge of the perils of malpractice, prefers the use of drugs, and wonders how "one out of a thousand survives" more violent proceedings. A third is particularly diffuse as to the means by which the young lady can avoid discovery. And although her suggestions are not such as to throw much light on the Speke mystery, they are not without meaning in the interpretation of some of the many "missing" ones of which we have lately heard. The young lady might pretend she was going to visit some friends, and then come thoro'; and, if anything was said, she could say that she was taken ill suddenly, and was where she had been lying insensible for weeks, and so could not tell who she was, or where she came from. It would take a long time to search all the hospitals in London, besides other places where she might be taken to. She had had one lady who had done so. Another of these advertisers introduces on the scene a pseudomedical man *in proprio personae*. He would not himself interfere actively, but from motives of sympathy with persons unpleasantly situated, he would place the lady in communication with a man who would do "what was wanted." This person's circular is printed: it is of a favourite American type. It offers "twenty-five per cent." for recommendations.

The moral of all this, we think, obvious. The advertising of retreats for ladies is shown to be associated with a system alike criminal and morally dangerous to our social system. It is a present source of public complaint and general public demurral in some other countries that toleration of such announcements has aided in a very extensive social demoralization. It lies with the few organs of the press in this country which have hitherto given to them the impunity of their wanton and unscrupulous beneficence to conclude that they are, as a belligerent. The owners of the ship *Golden Rocket*, the first vessel destroyed by the *Alabama*, sued certain insurance companies in New York, on the plea that *Sumner* was a pirate. The case was heard in a United States district court, in the State of Maine, where the owners resided, and that court decided that *Sumner* was the agent of a Government recognized by the United States as a belligerent. The owners appealed to the Supreme Court, whose decision will not only decide many similar cases, but also a principle of international importance.

Sumner has been a great deal of talk at St. Petersburg lately about a dispute between the Government and the British Embassy there, on account of the imprisonment for four months of a British artisan, because he had no passport. It is stated that the man had lost his passport a year and a half ago in a fire, and had consequently obtained through the Embassy a written permission to reside in Russia from the Ministry of the Interior. A few months ago he fell ill and went to a hospital, where the permit was taken from him, as he was unable to pay for his maintenance. Immediately after leaving the hospital last October, he was arrested by the police for having no passport, and thrown into prison, where he remained until the embassy was informed of his fate by the British Chaplain, who had accidentally visited the prison. The

general impression of those at the horse-fish dinner, says the *Star*, seems to have been much like that left on the Yankees after he had won a bet that he would dine on crow. "Well, stranger, I have eat crow, but darn me if I haunter after it."

The person whose clothes are extremely fine, I am too apt to consider as not being possessed of any superiority of fortune, but resembling those Indians who are found to wear all the gold they have in the world in a bob at the nose.—*Goldsmit*.

A *Drop* Island newspaper prints the following among its marriage notices:—"In Thompson, Ct., November 20th, by Rev. L. W. Blood, Rufus Briggs, to Sarah L. Greenleaf, of Auburn, Mass., after a long and tedious courtship of over five years."

A *Fact*.—When Milton's *Paradise Lost* was first advertised, a speculative individual called to inquire what would be paid to the author.

FOOTSTEPS OF ANGELS. (*By Longfellow*.)

When the hours of day are numbered,
And the voices of the night
Wake the better'd soul that slumber'd
To a holy calm delight—
The evening lamps are lighted,
And like phantoms grim and tall
Shadows from the fitful fire-light
Dance upon the parlor wall—
Then the forms of the departed
Enter at the open door;
The beloved, and the true hearted,
Come to visit me once more—
He, the young and strong who cherished
Noble longings for the strife;
By a road side fell, and perished
Weary with the march of life;
They, the holy ones and weakly,
Who the cross of suffering bore,
Folded their pale hands so meekly,
Spake to us on earth—no more!
And with them—the being beautiful
Who unto my youth was given,
With all things else to love me,
Ard is now a saint in Heaven—
With a slow, and noiseless footstep
Comes that messenger divine—
Takes the vacant chair beside me,
Lays her gentle hand in mine!
And she sits, and gazes at me—
With those deep and tender eyes—
Like the stars so pure and saint like
Looking downward from the skies!

Other'd, not yet comprehended,
In the spirit's voiceless prayer;
Soft robes in blessing ended;
Breathing from her lips of air—
Oh! I thought oft dearest and lonely
All my fears are laid aside,
I but remember only
Such as these have lived—and died!

MISCELLANEOUS.

A CHAPEL FULL OF DEAD MEN.—The

following is one of Mr. Spurgeon's bold and original pulpit fancies:—"Have ye ever read Coleridge's 'Ancient Mariner'? I dare say you have thought it one of the strangeest imaginations ever put together, especially that part were the old mariner represents the corpse of all the dead men rising up, all of them dead, yet rising up to manage the ship—dead men pulling the ropes, dead men steering, dead men spreading the sails. I thought what a strange idea that was. But do you know that I have lived to see that true; I have seen it done. I have gone into churches and I have seen a dead man in the pulpit, and a dead man as a deacon, and a dead man holding the plate at the door, and dead men sitting to hear, You say 'Strange!' but I have. I have gone into societies, and I have seen it all going on so regularly. These dead men, dead men steering, dead men spreading the sails. I thought what a strange idea that was. But do you know that I have lived to see that true; I have seen it done. 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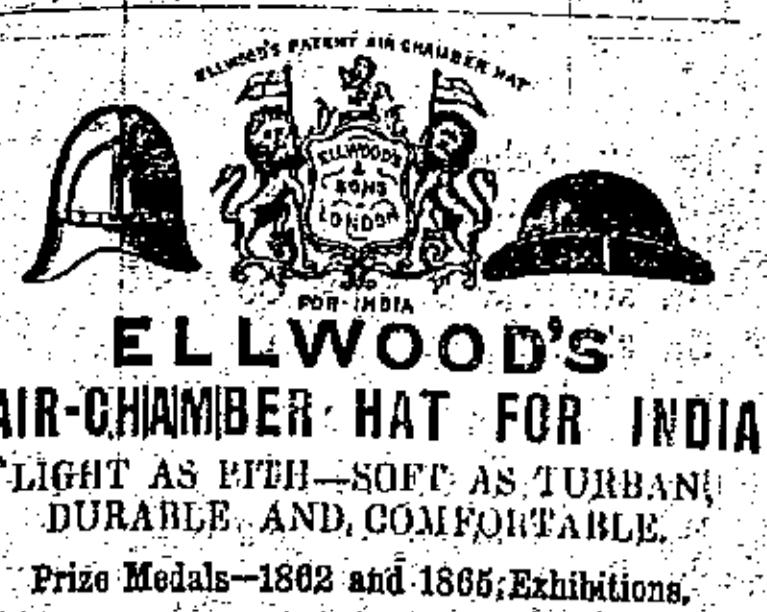
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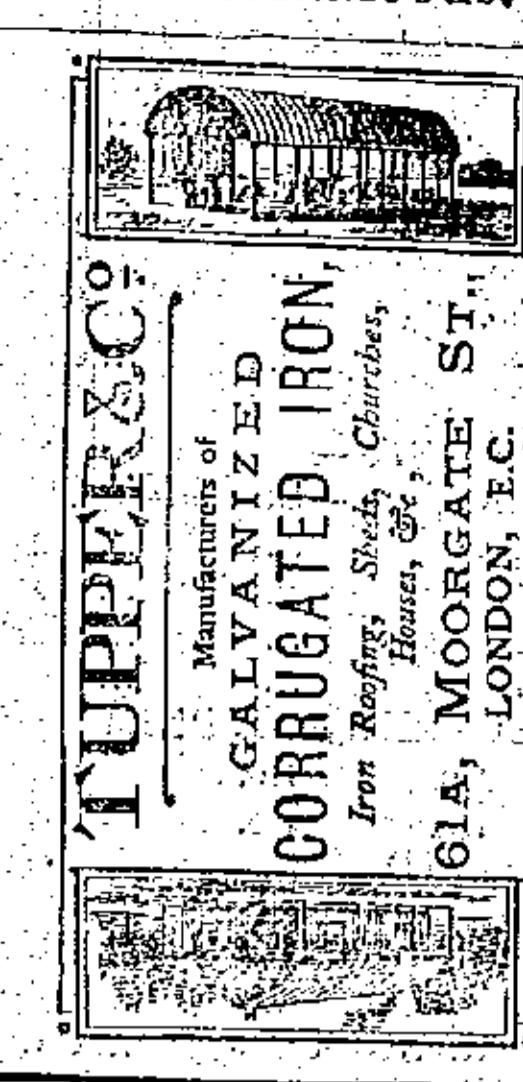
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Exclusive of To-day's Arrivals, Departures, and Clearances.

C, on Pedder's Wharf.—*H*U, from Pedder's Wharf to Gibb's Wharf.—*W*, Westward of Gibb's Wharf.—*E*U, on Pedder's Wharf to the Military Hospital.—*E*, Eastward of the Hospital.—*K*, on Kowloon side.

Vessel's Name and Where Anchored.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
1867-68.							
STEAMERS.							
Azof	W. Johnson	Brit. str.	476	March 25	P. & O. S. N. Co		
Clan Alpine	E. Hutchinson	Brit. str.	943	April 9	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Douglas	W. Pitman	Brit. str.	615	April 5	P. & O. S. N. Co (Chartered)	Shanghai	with Mail
Fung Shuey	W. C. Watson	Amer. str.	740	Feb. 740	4. Heard & Co		
Kan Ka Kee	W. C. Yenton	Amer. str.	313	March 13	24. Heard & Co	Singapore, &c.	22nd, 2 p.m.
Lightning	W. C. Matheson	Brit. str.	316	April 16	8. Gibb, Livingston & Co		
Malta	W.	Brit. str.	960	March 21	P. & O. S. N. Co		
Mona	W. C. Morison	Brit. str.	542	April 16	8. Gibb, Livingston & Co		
Warrior	K. Patterson	Amer. str.	2024	April 16	6. Russell & Co	Shanghai	Early
SAILING VESSELS.							
Adelina	W. Dennett	Brit. sh.	730	April 12	12. Borneo Company		
Atrevida	W. Bisset	Brit. bk.	457	April 6	6. Rozario & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	
Aunt Lizzio	W. C. Proctor	Brit. bk.	536	April 9	9. Carlowitz & Co		
Avon	W. E. Eddy	Brit. sh.	645	April 13	13. Gilman & Co		
Belvidere	W. Hower	Am. sh.	1321	March 20	Captain		
Benefactress	E. Eldred	Am. bk.	624	April 7	7. Smith, Archer & Co		
Cap Sing Moon	E. Waterson	Brit. bk.	466	April 12	12. S. E. Burrows & Sons		
Cary & Jane	W. Johnson	Brit. bk.	412	March 7	7. Bourjau, Hubener & Co	Callao	Immediate
Cowper	W. Sparrow	Amer. sh.	1079	March 16	16. Captain	San Francisco	Immediate
Crimes	W. Barrow	Brit. sh.	478	April 16	3. Chinese		
Dagmar	W. Brunstrom	Russ. sh.	800	Feb. 29	Order	Saigon	
Dayspring	E. Middleton	Brit. bk.	303	March 19	19. Russell & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	Early
Eliza	W. Sadley	Brit. sh.	1378	March 1	1. Bosman & Co	San Francisco	Early
Fiery Cross	E. Lamont	Brit. sh.	689	April 13	12. Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Golden Fleece	W. Gall	Brit. sh.	350	March 16	16. Chinese	Shanghai	Early
Henrietta	E. Allen	Brit. bk.	181	March 30	30. J. S. Hook, Son & Co		
Henry Darling	W. Wobell	Brit. bk.	412	April 13	13. Chinese		
Hopeful	W. Battrey	Brit. bk.	332	April 1	1. Order	Saigon	
Java	W. C. Anderson	Prus. bk.	300	March 31	31. Anthoni Karberg & Co		
Jeanie Alice	W. Montagu	Prus. sh.	1209	March 11	Order	Portland	Early
John L. Dimmick	W. Wenckell	Brit. sh.	1047	March 26	26. Russell & Co	San Francisco	Early
John Norman	E. Gardiner	Brit. sh.	513	March 18	18. A. Heard & Co		
La Paix	W. Labarbo	Fch. bk.	497	April 12	12. Fred. Degenner		
Maria	W. Machado	Russ. sh.	637	March 1	Russell & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	
Maria Louisa	W. Arrestis	Span. bk.	300	March 20	11. A. Heard & Co		
Maria Morton	W. Marello	Fch. bk.	401	March 1	31. Reynvan Brothers & Co		
Maria Theresa	W. Bonnison	Fch. bk.	502	Dec. 12	12. Carlowitz & Co		
Mathilda	W. Ramsey	Brit. bg.	252	April 23	14. Grun & Co		
Merchantman	E. Mourouyan	Brit. sh.	1018	March 8	8. Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Midnight	W. Brock	Amur. sh.	838	April 14	14. Olyphant & Co		
Navarino	W. Wetflog	Brit. bk.	408	March 21	Smith, Archer & Co		
Neville	K. Jackson	Brit. sh.	715	Feb. 16	16. Turner & Co		
Nilo	W. Cutty	Brit. sh.	240	April 14	14. W. Howard		
Peruvian	W. C. Thompson	Amer. sh.	1076	April 14	14. Pacific Mail S. S. Co		
Resolute	W. Suizero	Siam. sh.	860	April 8	8. Yuen Fat Hong		
San Lorenzo	W. Lebansa	Span. bg.	226	April 7	7. Remedios & Co		
Santa Anna	W. Gavito	Span. sh.	402	March 20	20. Remedios & Co		
Serica	W. Lances	Brit. sh.	707	April 7	7. Birley & Co		
Spitfire	W. Mills	Brit. sh.	440	March 22	22. John Burd & Co	Saigon	
Sultan	W. Howard	Brit. bk.	309	Feb. 8	8. Order		
Sword Fish	W. Muller	Siam. sh.	575	March 3	3. Chinese		
The Colleen Bawn	W. Allen	Brit. bk.	386	April 4	4. Arnhold Karberg & Co		
Villa de Kivadavia	W. Castilho	Span. bg.	261	April 13	13. Remedios & Co		
Young Greek	W. Beinroth	Brit. bk.	424	April 8	8. Yuen Fat Hong		

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Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
Catalina	E. Escajedilla	Span. str.	361	April 30	3. Order		
China	E. Steward	Brit. str.	2010	April 1	SP. & O. S. N. Co	Hongkong, &c.	22nd, 7 a.m.
Cocis*	E. Grange	Brit. str.	555	March 24	1. Achon (Kwong-lyu-en-hong)	Hankow	Immediate
Condor	E. Schmidt	Prus. bg.	516	March 16	6. Cardiff		
Don Antonio Escano	E. Martinez	Span. str.	800	March 24	24. Liverpool		
Glengyle*	E. Hooper	Brit. str.	1235	April 9	9. Spanish Consul		
Imperatrico	E. Macaire	Fch. str.	2800	April 15	15. Jardine, Matheson & Co	Manila	
(*At Canton)							
Cocis*	E. Grange	Brit. str.	516	March 16	6. Cardiff	Shanghai	
Condor	E. Schmidt	Prus. bg.	516	March 16	6. Cardiff	Saigon, Suez, &c.	
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Ship's Name.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Where from.	Destination.	Consignees or Agents.
Andrew Jackson	MacCallum	Amer. sh.	1233	Feb. 27	Newport	Hongkong	Frazar & Co
Emily Flinn	Penell	Brit. sh.	1600	March 30	Cardiff	Master	
Gen. Havelock	Cawse	Brit. bk.	231	March 4	Cardiff	London	Gibb, Livingston & Co
Isabella Ridley	Watson	Brit. bg.	175	March 16	Newcastle, N. S. W.		Bourjau, Hubener & Co
Layard	Watson	Brit. sh.	613	Feb. 24	Liverpool		Frazar & Co
Magellan	Crosbie	Brit. sh.	906	March 18	Cardiff	Shaw, Brothers & Co	
Phoenix	Cuthen	Brit. sh.	996	Feb. 21	Newport	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Princess of Wales	Sheppard	Brit. sh.	632	January 22	Shields	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
Tavistock	Tate	Brit. sh.	915	March 11	London	W. R. Adapson & Co	
White Adder	Moore	Brit. sh.	915	March 11	London		

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Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Consignees.	Intended Despatch
CHINA & JAPAN PORTS.				
HANKOW	Collet	Br. str.	Ashaw	
SHANGHAI	Warrior	Am. str.	Russell & Co	
Do.	Golden Flea	Br. sh.	Chinese	
Do.	Douglas	Br. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co	
Do.	Glengyle*	Br. str.	Jardine, M. & Co	
OTHER PORTS.				
BOMBAY, &c.	China*	Br. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co	22d
CALL				